

# Johnson Signs with The Chicago Federals

Star Pitcher of Senators Accepts Offer Made Him by Joe Tinker.

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Contract Is for Only Two Years — Sensational Career of Great Twirler.



Chicago, Dec. 3.—Walter Johnson, the great pitcher of the Washington club, in the American League, signed a contract to-day with the Chicago club of the Federal League.

The announcement was made by Charles Weegman, president of the local club, late this afternoon.

It was declared that Johnson's contract was for two years. The amount of his salary was not announced. Mr. Weegman said that he had received the news by long distance telephone from Joe Tinker, who saw Johnson in Coffeyville, Kan., to-day.

St. Louis, Dec. 3.—Twenty thousand dollars a year is the salary called for in Walter Johnson's contract with the Chicago club of the Federal League, according to the story of the deal given out by Philip Ball, vice-president of the St. Louis Federal League club.

"The St. Louis Federal League club engineered the deal whereby Chicago got Johnson's signature," declared Ball. "Our price for obtaining Johnson for Chicago was Eddie Plank."

"St. Louis made the first bid for Johnson," said Ball. "With Fielder Jones our manager, I met Walter at Fort Smith, Ark., and offered him \$20,000 a year for three years, the money to be put in a bank and \$10,000 of it to be given to Johnson as soon as he signed. He agreed to the terms, but wanted to delay signing."

"Meanwhile Johnson began negotiating with Manager Griffith of the Washington club, with the view of obtaining a better offer than the Federal League. This Griffith denied. A rule of the Federal League prevented any other club bidding for Johnson, while St. Louis was negotiating with him."

Walter Johnson throws the fastest ball of any pitcher in the game to-day. In all probability no pitcher ever lived who possessed the speed of the Washington marvel, but it is impossible to write any such concession from those who saw him in the food of old days. A season ago most of the fans agreed that Johnson was not only the fastest of pitchers, but the best as well.

This belief was shaken in the campaign of 1914, when Johnson ranked only seventeenth among the pitchers of the American League. According to unofficial averages, he won twenty-eight games and lost eighteen, for a percentage of .602. He struck out 221 batters in fifty-one games.

The season of 1913 saw Johnson at the height of his pitching ability. In that year, according to the official figures, he won twenty-one games and lost nine, for a percentage of .700. He struck out 243 batters in the 346 innings he pitched.

Early in that season he set a record which is not likely to be equalled for some time to come. He began by winning nine straight, and shut out his opponents for fifty-six consecutive innings. A run was scored against him on April 10, and the next day he came across the plate until May 15. Having made one record, Johnson rested for a week or so and then set out for another. This time he pitched for another five days, and the next day he had won sixteen consecutive games his string was broken.

Walter Johnson pitched his first game in the American League on August 2, 1907, and Dave Jones, the first man to face him, struck out. Washington did not win the game, however, for Johnson was hammered out of the box in the ninth inning.

Blanksen, a catcher of the Washington club, was the discoverer of Johnson. Being incapacitated for service on account of an injured hand, the catcher was drafted for scout duty. During a dull week the Washington club heard that there was a youngster out in Idaho who was making something out of it.

Blanksen went West, but had a hard time finding his man, as he was pitching for small town teams and covering a good deal of territory. The pitcher was not fast, yet the veteran had no doubt at the end of the game that he had seen a new star. Only a week or so later, by the next season, he had reached the point where he did not care much what sort of a nine was behind him. In 1910 he won twenty-five and lost seventeen. The following season the record was twenty-three and fifteen, and in 1912 he captured thirty-two games and lost only twelve.

The form of official averages was changed in 1913, but there was no change in the basis of earned runs per game he was an easy leader. Johnson has become a landmark of Washington. Presidents have made pilgrimages to see him pitch and have requested baseballs with his signature. Last June he married Miss Hazel Lee Roberts, daughter of Representative E. E. Roberts, of Carson City, Nev.

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## ALIBIS BY THE DOZEN FOR WELSH

Reasons for Poor Showing of Champion in Ring Are manifold.

FULL MEED OF CREDIT DUE YOUNG SHUGRUE

No More Boxing at Olympic A. C., Newark, Says Director of Public Safety.

All manner of excuses have been made for the poor showing of Freddie Welsh against "Young" Joe Shugrue at Madison Square Garden on Wednesday night. This is not unusual, for when a champion fails to perform as champions should a dozen or more perfectly plausible "alibis" are kept on tap. All sorts of reasons have been assigned, varying from lack of training to over training and staleness. Few there are who have given Shugrue, a sterling little boxer, who is as clean out of the ring as he is in it, the full meed of credit for his masterly work in defeating most decisively the man who has won his way to the top of the pugilistic ladder.

But all, or practically all, agree that Welsh was soundly trounced. He was not only outboxed when he attempted his famous long range work, but he was beaten easily when it came to close quarters. He flashed in the final round and more than held his own. It was this, which caused some to believe that he was under a pull.

Shugrue is one of the best of the present day lightweights. He has been in the ring for three years and has risen from the ranks through sheer ability. Some of the world's best men in his class have owned his skill. These include Charley White, of Chicago; Larry Cross, Milburn Saylor, Hughie Mehegan, and a host of others. It is not surprising then that he should have beaten the champion in a ten-round contest.

Perhaps Welsh might have done the Jersey lad in a twenty-round battle. He may defeat him in a return match. On Wednesday he looked like an old man fighting a desperate battle against youth typified by Shugrue. Welsh looked haggard. He was an ashy gray and his eyes were not clear. What a contrast there was in Shugrue. He glowed a ruddy pink, his skin shined like a set of polished brass. He looked like a young man who was at the height of his powers.

It would seem that Freddie's wind was not so strong as it once was. He clung when hit about the body. It did not take long for Shugrue to discover the weakness of his man, and went to work accordingly. The many jobs in the short time played havoc. Owen Moran once said, "It isn't the first bottle that hurts, it's the last."

The business of being a "hope of the white race" is one beset with dangers. To be sure, there is always the presence of Jack Johnson, Sam Langford, Joe Jeannette and other well known reefs of certain destruction. A danger of a different kind is the one which Welsh has now encountered. He is a new danger to the sport.

The latest peril is Harry Wills, formerly of New Orleans, a negro heavyweight, who is now in the ring. Wills is a ship by beating the world's champion, Joe Jeannette, in a ten-round contest. Wills is the man who was beaten by Sam Langford in fourteen rounds on the anniversary day in Los Angeles.

According to Harry A. Williams, of "The Los Angeles Times," it was only because Wills tried to "show off" that he was beaten. Right up until the end he boxed Langford into a corner, beat him from pillar to post, and won the distinction of being one of the few men who have ever knocked the "Big Boy" off his feet. Four times Wills sent Langford crashing to the mat.

Wills is bound for the heights. He is possessed of prodigious strength, terrific hitting ability, and can box like a featherweight. He handled Langford with ridiculous ease and had he kept his wits about him would certainly have won in most decisive style. Langford was watching for his one chance which finally presented itself.

At the start of the twelfth round, one spectator said: "Langford's lone chance lay in scoring a knockout, and the wizard-like skill with which Wills boxed made this seem very remote."

Frankie Burns has decided that he is entitled to a little publicity, so he has coached himself a handsome bantamweight champion of the world and Jersey City. All because "Kid" Williams, the real champion modestly demands \$5,000 for a twenty-round bout. The New Orleans promoters are willing to hold the contest.

There is some talk of Williams entering the ranks of the featherweights, and he is also telling the world that he is the best man in the class.

Sammy Smith vs. Bobby Dawson at the New York A. C. Harry Ferns vs. Jack Goodman, at the Pioneer A. C. Hughie Rodden vs. Kokoma Kid, at the Vanderbilt A. C.

Columbia to Open Basketball Season

Columbia opens its basketball season to-night, when it meets the Rutgers five in the gymnasium on Morning-side Heights. This is the first of several years that Rutgers has played basketball, and Columbia, with an all-star combination on the floor, expects to have little difficulty in getting off to an auspicious start.

The Columbia team probably will line up with Benson and Wegener at guard, Walker at center and Lee and Caid at forward. This is the way the team has practiced for the last few days, but at the last minute Harry Fisher, the coach, may restore the old order by putting Benson back at guard with Benson and shifting Wegener to the forward line.

Brooklyn Boy Made Captain at Andover

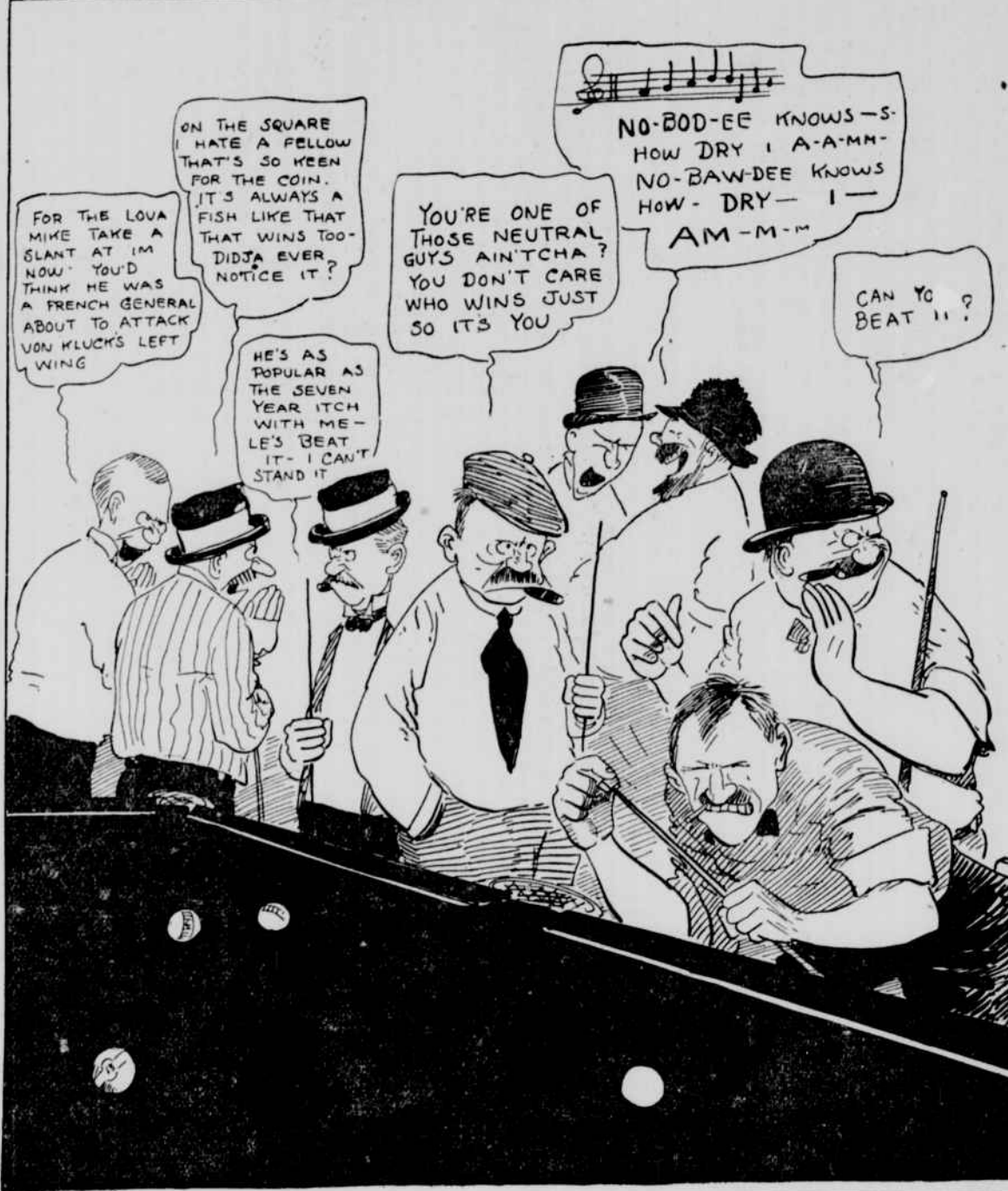
Andover, Mass., Dec. 3.—Charles W. Gleason, of Brooklyn, right end of the Phillips Andover Academy football team, elected to-day captain of the eleven for next season.

Montgomery Wins at English Billiards

John Montgomery, of this city, a well known amateur billiard player, defeated Alex Taylor, of London, a professional, in a special handicap English billiard match at Doyle's billiard room last night. The score was 400 to 389. Under the conditions of the match Taylor is to play 1,500 points to his opponent's 800. A fair sized crowd was on hand to witness the match, and after the first half hour the match was a "hand stroke" players in England, gave an exhibition which pleased.

Taylor made the high run of the night, clicking off 89 points, while Montgomery's best effort was 64. The match will be finished to-night.

## KELLY POOL—THE UNPOPULAR PLAYER



### Three Treats for the Fans

The Tribune's All-Eastern football eleven, compiled by Herbert Wills, published one feature of the Sporting Section on Sunday.

Another outstanding feature will be the second of the only series of strong, virile baseball stories ever written on how he built a championship team, by George Stallings, manager of the Boston Braves and the miracle man of the diamond.

He takes the fans into his confidence and tells how he took hold of a midwest crowd of players and in the short space of two seasons built up a team that won the world's championship by beating the famed Athletics four straight games.

The Tribune's All-Scholastic football team, which amounts to a rating of the leading players in the district, also will be published.

### COLUMBIA PAPER FAVORS FOOTBALL

"Spectator" Fans Flame of Enthusiasm for the Revival of Sport.

The flame of football enthusiasm at Columbia was fanned brighter yesterday when "The Spectator," the college daily, in an editorial said that the proof that the university wanted football was absolutely overwhelming and placed the next move up to the faculty.

None of the university authorities will admit that the attitude officially is unchanged from 1905, but it is said there is good reason to believe that the petition which the students are preparing will not be turned down until after a most searching probe into the entire question.

"The Spectator's" editorial in part is as follows: "Fifteen hundred men attended the student mass meeting yesterday. It was a great meeting—it was bigger and better than even the Undergraduate Smoker last year, the 'greatest thing that ever happened on Morning-side Heights.' The beauty of the meeting was the fact that it was essentially a meeting. It was not a smoker nor an entertainment—it was a student assembly."

"Everything taken up was of interest to the undergraduate body. The football question, the most important topic touched upon, has, as far as the student body is concerned, been settled beyond the shadow of a doubt. Ninety men turned out for class teams last month and nearly two thousand persons watched the game, but still it was not the pessimistic alone who feared that this was but another sporadic outburst which would quickly die out."

"But yesterday's meeting shows that there is more interest in football on the campus now than can so soon be squelched. Over one thousand men declared themselves willing to back a football team financially. Is not that proof that the student body is interested in Columbia football, that it wants football? More than that—over three hundred men signified their desire to become candidates for a varsity team. If that isn't interest then we want to know what is."

"The students have put themselves on record as wanting 'varsity football' to be given the place that it is entitled to. They have not lost interest. It has now gone beyond the hands of the undergraduates. They have said their say."

Gardner Joins the New York A. C.

The New York Athletic Club added a good sprinter to its squad yesterday when John B. Gardner, formerly of Central High School, of Newark, joined that organization.

During his student year at the New Jersey institution Gardner captained the track team and proved one of the best sprinters ever turned out of his school. Gardner succeeded in capturing third place in the 60-yard dash at the indoor championships held last year.

### N. Y. U. GYMNASIS BUSY

Hold First Practice of Season at University Heights.

Frank Gilloon, captain of the New York University gymnastic team, called the candidates out for the first practice of the season last night. Bissinger, former national all-around champion of America, who has coached the Violet gymnasts for several years, will again serve in that capacity.

The team will not have the services of Ray Dutcher, the star club swinger, nor of Cramer, the intercollegiate all-around champion. The loss of these men has left a big gap. It is expected, however, that Bissinger and Gilloon will be able to develop a strong team from the men who reported for practice last night. They were: Gilloon, Saul, Levin, Kopychovsky, Frerichs, Nichols, Kennard, Russell, Reis, Mendosa, Martin, Yanoski, Knox, Miller, Woolworth, Simmons and Pearson.

At a meeting of the athletic association yesterday Theodore Schulte was elected manager and Robert Baldwin assistant manager of next year's football team.

### NAVY BASEBALL DATES

To Play Annual Game with Army at West Point This Year

Annapolis, Md., Dec. 3.—The annual baseball game between the Army and Navy next season will be played at West Point on May 29, according to the Navy's baseball schedule for 1915, announced here to-day.

All the other games will be played at Annapolis as follows: March 24, Wesleyan; 27, University of Pennsylvania; April 1, Holy Cross; 8, Amherst; 7, Yale; 8, Princeton; 15, Harvard; 22, University of North Carolina; 24, University of Georgia; 28, A. and M. of North Carolina; May 1, Dickinson; 5, University of Pittsburgh; 12, University of Washington; 12, Georgia; 15, Notre Dame; 19, Catholic University of America; 22, Georgetown; 26, Mount St. Joseph's.

## Exhibitors Rally to Aid of Charity Horse Show

Long List of Prominent Names in Catalogue Which Has Just Been Completed.

With few exceptions, all of the prominent horse show exhibitors in the United States are represented at the Charity Horse Show, which will open on Monday at Madison Square Garden. In addition to the usual list of exhibitors each year, there are to be found in the catalogue scores of new ones.

After two weeks of night-and-day toil by a staff of clerks the catalogue has been completed, and the list of box-holders and exhibitors reveals a large number of the best known horsemen and society leaders. When the announcement of the postponement of the national show was made it was thought that most of the larger stables would immediately turn their strings out into the fields, and in a few instances this was the case. But the action of the American Horse Show Association in taking up the reins for a 1914 exhibition made it possible for many to retain their horses in training.

Among the exhibitors who will positively show their horses are Felix M. Warburg, Edward B. McLean, William Ziegler, Jr., Paul D. Cravath, Miss Marion duPont, Crow & Murray, Miss Vera G. Bloodgood, Miss Vira Cornell, J. Sumner Draper, Foxhall Keene, J. Campbell Thompson, Clarence H. Macdonald, Mrs. M. V. Hoffman, Alden S. Blodgett, Mrs. W. C. Coe, Dr. C. T. Churchman and the Misses Garner West.

### Penn Football Players Ask for Brooke's Scalp

Nineteen Out of Twenty-One Vote Against His Retention as Coach Next Year.

Philadelphia, Dec. 3.—Disaffection with the coaching of the University of Pennsylvania football team found practical expression to-day, when nineteen of the twenty-one varsity players who met to elect a new captain voted against the retention of George H. Brooke as the coach for the 1915 campaign.

The vote was a secret one and was taken after Edward Day Harris, of Philadelphia, who played at tackle this season, had been elected captain for next year. The action of the players created a sensation in football circles here.

Brooke has had complete charge of the team for two years, and his contract with the athletic association has another year to run. When he was informed of the action of the players Brooke intimated he would not resign his position and that he expected to make a better showing next year.

The players who voted against the retention of Brooke, it is declared, blame his system of coaching for the failure of the team to make a better showing during the last two years. In 1913 Pennsylvania lost to Dartmouth, Michigan and Cornell, and this year the team was defeated by Franklin and Marshall, Michigan, Dartmouth and Cornell.

### SCHOOLBOYS AFTER TITLE

Big Field Entered for P. S. A. L. 'Cross-Country Run.

More than 125 schoolboy runners will compete in the annual high school 'cross-country championship run of the Public Schools Athletic League over a two and a half mile course in Jamaica, Long Island, to-morrow afternoon. Thirteen schools from the five boroughs will be represented. The course mapped out for the runners is a stiff one, with several steep hills and a mile of rough ground.

The struggle for the team honors is sure to be a close one. De Witt Clinton, Morris, Commerce and Richmond Hill being the strongest contenders.

There are so many good runners entered that Frank Jenkins, of Far Rockaway, the present champion, is sure to be pressed to the limit to retain his honors. Alvin Robertson, of Evander Childs, and Charles H. Morris, of the University of the City, are also expected to be in the race.

The race will start and finish in front of the Jamaica High School on Hillside av.

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## BASEBALL MEN PREPARE FOR A MAD SCRAMBLE

Biggest Deals in History of Game Expected at League Meeting.

CLARKE WILL BE A STORM CENTRE

Leader of Pirates Anxious to Repair His Losses—Herzog Needs Whole Team.

By HEYWOOD BROWN.

"Do your Christmas swapping early," is the motto of the managers in the National League. The magnates will be quite eclipsed by the managers when the league convenes here next Tuesday, for it is probable that some of the biggest deals in the history of baseball will be arranged.

All the traders at the mart want first chance with Fred Clarke, of the Pirates. Clarke lost a pennant-contending team by a trade, and now he is seeking to make up his loss by another gamble in players.

Roger Bresnahan, new manager of the Cubs, will come loudly crying "Pitchers for sale." Fifteen of the players on the roster of the Cubs are pitchers, and Bresnahan can afford to let two, three or four go if only he can secure a good infielder in return.

The leader of the Cubs would like to have Eddie Grant, and it may be that some deal will be made for the hard hitting Grant. In such a case, however, Roger will have to show something except pitchers, for of those McGraw has already an entire army corps. McGraw covets Heinie Zimmerman, and here there is a possibility of a deal. It is said that when Bresnahan and Zimmerman battled on the field in Brooklyn last year the German won the best by a large margin, it is no more than natural that the Chicago manager should want another sparring partner.

Charlie Herzog, leader of the Reds, is sure to be on for the meeting, as he needs for his team pitchers, catchers, outfielders, infielders and utility men. Schuyler Britton, owner of the Cardinals, recently predicted lively trading at the big confab, and it is known that Miller Huggins, the manager of the team, will be empowered to bid high for a shortstop and an outfielder. It is understood that an offer will be made for Bob Bescher or Fred Snodgrass, of the Giants. Pat Moran, of the Phillies, needs pitchers, but has nothing much to offer in the way of players.

George Stallings has said that if any opportunity offers to strengthen the team he will not pass it up. He should be sufficient to encourage the other leaders of the league.

All in all there is reason to believe that the meeting will set a record in the selling and buying of human chattels worthy of the days of Uncle Tom.

The National Commission gets the jump on the league and will meet on Monday. It is understood that a meeting effort will be made to set a new and lower limit on the number of players which each club may carry. It is certain that any such move will be fought by the Giants. McGraw has more than fifty men in his squad, and he hopes to carry the greater number for several weeks before making a selection. The New York club regards its players as assets.

Mike Donlin, late of the Giants, is considering several offers to manage minor league clubs.

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## HARD ENOUGH TO PICK OWN TEAMS

Stagg Things No Coach Is Qualified to Select an All-Star Football Eleven.

Chicago, Dec. 3.—No man is qualified to select an all-star football team, Alonzo A. Stagg, athletic director of the University of Chicago, asserted to-day in an article in the university daily paper. Stagg declared it was difficult for a coach to choose the best players on other teams.

"All coaches who have had much experience know that it is only by close watching of their candidates through days of practice that they can determine who are best for different positions," Stagg wrote. "To concede that it is possible for any outsider to be able to do justice in the selection of an all-star team, even after seeing all the teams in action throughout the season, is preposterous."

The nearest approach to justice that could be made would be to invite the experts of the university to send in their individual selections and to make a composite of the players so named."

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